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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE INVITES U.S. OBSERVER TO 14TH
SESSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF SPECIALISTS ON BLOOD
PROBLEMS, REYKJAVIK, 2-5 JUNE 1975

EUR/RPE (VOGELGESANG), GENEVA FOR RED CROSS AFFAIRS SECTION

1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY GENERAL KAHN-ACKERMANN HAS
INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO SEND OBSERVER TO
14TH SESSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF SPECIALISTS ON BLOOD
PROBLEMS, TO BE HELD IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, 2-5 JUNE 1975.
DRAFT AGENDA AND BOOKLET DESCRIBING ACTIVITIES OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE IN 1969-1974 ARE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY
(STRASBOURG A-22). ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT
ADVISE POST WHETHER U.S. TO SEND OBSERVER TO SUBCOMMITTEE
SESSION.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE IS A SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF THE EUROPEAN
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. AGENDA
INCLUDES DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN
BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES. THIS COVERS THE PRESENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN SWISS AND GERMAN RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION
SERVICES AND THE NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER.

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3. COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS HAS TOLD US THAT SUBJECT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, IN FURTHERING SUCH EXCHANGES FIRST CAME UP AT SUBCOMMITTEE'S 1974 MEETING IN MONTPELLIER, FRANCE. THIS OFFICIAL ALSO HAS INFORMED US THAT THE DIRECTOR OF SWISS RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION CENTER IN BERN HAS SAID THAT IN DISCUSSING SUCH COOPERATION IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING AMERICANS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE MATTER:

A) ERNEST SIMON, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF BLOOD DISEASES AND RESOURCES, NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG INSTITUTE, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20114.

B) LEWELLYN BARKER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS, BUREAU OF BIOLOGICS, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20114.

C) TIBOR J. GREENWALT, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, AMERICAN NATIONAL REDCROSS, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006.

4. IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SEND A U.S. OBSERVER FOR THE FIRST TIME, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.VEALE

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